MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Sir, which is the headquarters of the Vocational Welfare Officer?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Trivandrum.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of teachers to whom he has given training?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 300.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: How many visits has the Officer paid to the schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, he has been constantly on tour visiting schools.

Recruitment of teachers.

187 *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of teachers directly recruited in the year 1119 and those taken from grant-in-aid or recognised schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 443.

Separate figures of those taken from grant-in-aid or recognised schools are not available.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: May I know whether the Government are aware that teachers who are already serving under management schools when appointed to Government schools are asked to produce a release certificate from the managers?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir. They must produce such a certificate. We must know that there is no liability on their part before they are entertained.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Is the honourable member aware that many managers are refusing to give that certificate?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It depends upon their contract.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Does not this refusal spoil the life of many of the private school teachers?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: I have not received any petition or complaint where the manager has refused this certificate without reason. So, I am not in a position to say how far they are adversely affected by the attitude taken by the management.

Accommodation for schools.

188 * MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the large increase of students in all schools of the State this year;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the classes in Government schools are invariably over-crowded exceeding the maximum prescribed; and

(*c*) whether in view of the above Government have taken any steps to increase the accommodation?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; all possible steps have been taken to provide additional accommodation.

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